

The following prayer is offered by the Reverend Mike Frese, House Chaplain:

"Almighty God, we greet You this day with thankful hearts. The sun again arose this morning, our eyes awakened to greet the new day, our hearts continue to beat, and our lungs continue to breathe. None of this comes by our power or design. Truly it is by Your mercy and in Your grace that we live each day.

"Grant that this humbling reminder will continue with us, that throughout this day gratitude will pervade our every thought and action. May the joys we savor be acknowledged as gifts from Your hand. May the challenges we face be embraced as opportunities that You will use to build our character. May the people we meet be experienced not as opponents or foes, but as brothers and sisters who will bless us with new insights and opportunities. May our friends and families be received as precious treasures which You have sown into our lives that we might experience the fruit of joy and acceptance. In our thankfulness, may we experience the peace and joy that comes from knowing we are in Your hands. Amen."

Representative Culpepper, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of August 1 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted Representatives Baddour, Barbee, Brubaker, Culp, Davis, Dockham, Edwards, Fox, Hiatt, Holmes, Miner, Morris, Thompson, Weatherly, and West for today.

ENROLLED BILLS

The following bills are duly ratified and presented to the Governor:

S.B. 895, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COORDINATING COUNCIL.

S.B. 1081, AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR A PRISONER TO THROW BODILY FLUIDS OR EXCREMENT AT A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES.

H.B. 385, AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE IN ONE PLACE IN THE GENERAL STATUTES VARIOUS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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